



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 21, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 21, 2015, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 21, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 21, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through November 21, 2015 for the United States were 8.05 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2015

State	Week ending					
	October 17, 2015	October 24, 2015	October 31, 2015	November 7, 2015	November 14, 2015	November 21, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,925	27,563	27,293	27,724	29,688	29,139
Arkansas	18,840	19,776	20,414	20,883	21,764	22,029
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,224	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,224	1,225
Georgia	32,058	33,281	31,891	31,400	33,839	34,102
Kentucky	5,943	6,133	7,664	7,306	7,867	7,766
Louisiana	3,772	3,394	3,077	3,364	3,379	3,530
Maryland	7,199	7,191	7,199	7,209	7,205	8,123
Mississippi	16,553	17,369	16,387	16,867	17,420	17,797
Missouri	7,748	7,444	7,552	7,789	8,295	8,045
North Carolina	18,266	20,144	20,073	20,063	20,287	20,439
Oklahoma	6,486	6,733	6,729	6,733	6,911	6,770
Pennsylvania	4,584	4,126	4,433	4,767	4,868	4,581
South Carolina	5,674	5,634	5,681	5,179	5,817	5,797
Texas	13,838	14,302	14,412	13,670	14,896	15,207
Virginia	6,369	6,285	5,662	6,185	6,206	6,264
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,300	10,932	11,951	11,149	11,823	11,715
19 State total	191,534	196,287	196,398	196,268	206,244	207,284
Percent of previous year	98	99	100	98	99	99
Other States	7,745	7,602	7,510	7,661	7,817	7,847
United States	199,279	203,889	203,908	203,929	214,061	215,131
Percent of previous year	98	99	100	98	99	99

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2015

State	Week ending					
	October 17, 2015	October 24, 2015	October 31, 2015	November 7, 2015	November 14, 2015	November 21, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,365	20,350	21,018	20,109	20,782	20,054
Arkansas	19,061	17,250	18,259	18,310	18,311	18,691
Delaware	4,609	4,421	5,102	5,608	5,564	4,228
Florida	1,221	1,259	1,152	1,163	1,085	1,185
Georgia	25,694	25,936	24,187	26,356	27,120	26,089
Kentucky	6,437	5,947	5,895	4,561	4,457	6,200
Louisiana	3,231	2,684	3,178	3,345	2,990	2,705
Maryland	6,272	5,383	5,902	5,296	5,603	7,183
Mississippi	14,207	12,613	13,621	13,817	14,752	13,849
Missouri	6,147	6,110	6,353	5,088	4,976	5,847
North Carolina	16,465	15,787	15,163	14,914	15,926	16,368
Oklahoma	3,295	5,061	5,574	4,156	4,005	3,560
Pennsylvania	3,340	3,919	3,829	3,817	3,366	4,030
South Carolina	5,401	3,989	4,607	4,926	5,077	4,324
Texas	11,471	11,295	10,915	11,316	11,785	12,005
Virginia	5,780	6,282	4,916	5,334	4,933	4,185
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,040	9,993	11,282	9,611	9,681	10,629
19 State total	164,036	158,279	160,953	157,727	160,413	161,132
Percent of previous year	99	99	98	99	99	101
Other States	6,150	5,798	6,380	6,327	6,359	6,242
United States	170,186	164,077	167,333	164,054	166,772	167,374
Percent of previous year	99	99	99	99	99	101

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week’s data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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